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H. CON. RES. 233

Commending the Kentucky National Guard for its service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the citizens of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky (for himself, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, and Mr. CHANDLER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending the Kentucky National Guard for its service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the citizens of the United States.

Whereas the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry of the Kentucky Army National Guard, known as the Mountain Warriors, is headquartered in Barbourville, Kentucky, and deployed approximately 500 Kentuckians;

Whereas the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry is made of the following units: Headquarters Company in Barbourville, Kentucky with detachments in Somerset, Kentucky and Williamsburg, Kentucky, Company A in Harlan, Kentucky, Company B in London, Kentucky, Company C in Ravenna, Kentucky, and additional troops from across Kentucky;

Whereas this is the second deployment for the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry since September 11, 2001;

Whereas more than 500 soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry were mobilized on June 27, 2006 and deployed to Camp Shelby, Mississippi;

Whereas the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry arrived in Iraq on October 2, 2006;

Whereas during their tour of duty, the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division and the 1st Cavalry Division;

Whereas the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry courageously performed route and perimeter security missions, mounted combat patrols and personal security details among other assignments;

Whereas the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry was responsible for the security of Camp Slayer in Baghdad, Iraq, as well as conducting counterinsurgency operations in the neighborhoods adjacent to the base;

Whereas the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry conducted multiple types of missions, including combat patrols, entry control points, perimeter security, and personal security of visiting dignitaries;

Whereas the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry, over the course of eleven months in Iraq, conducted 2204 combat patrols and 28 cordon and search missions;

Whereas the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry engaged in 143 firefights, found 91 IEDs, stopped 10 possible vehicle-borne IEDs, were attacked with RPGs eight times, endured 10 rocket and 10 mortar attacks, and found 19 weapons caches;

Whereas the families of the members of the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry have waited patiently for their loved ones to return and endured many hardships during this deployment;

Whereas the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry has performed admirably and courageously; gaining the gratitude and respect of Kentuckians and all Americans;

Whereas the Heavy Equipment Transport Platoon, 2123rd Transportation Company of the Kentucky Army National Guard is headquartered in Richmond, Kentucky and deployed approximately 70 Kentuckians;

Whereas the 2123rd Transportation Company conducted daily resupply missions including moving tanks, water, heavy equipment, weapons, and guided weapons systems for the United States Army during its tour of duty in Iraq;

Whereas the Rear Area Operations Command from 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor of the Kentucky Army National Guard is headquartered in Bowling Green, Kentucky and deployed approximately 30 Kentuckians; and

Whereas the 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor, nicknamed the “Orphan Battalion”, performed base operations for coalition forces including 110 combat patrols, site hardening and security improvements, and establishment of 11 guard tower and 17 vehicle battle positions at Qayyarah Airfield West: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) commends the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry
 4 of the Kentucky Army National Guard upon its com-

1 pletion of deployment and brave service to the Com-
2 monwealth of Kentucky and the citizens of the
3 United States;

4 (2) commends the Heavy Equipment Transport
5 Platoon, 2123rd Transportation Company and the
6 Rear Area Operations Command (RAOC) from 2nd
7 Battalion, 123rd Armor upon its completion of de-
8 ployment and brave service to the Commonwealth of
9 Kentucky and the citizens of the United States;

10 (3) recognizes the achievements of the members
11 of the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry, the 2123rd
12 Transportation Company, and the 2nd Battalion,
13 123rd Armor and their exemplary service to the
14 United States; and

15 (4) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
16 atives to transmit a copy of this resolution to the
17 Adjutant General of the Kentucky Army National
18 Guard for appropriate display.

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